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## **Attorney General Bruning: Five More States Joining Health Care Lawsuit**

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced that five more states have joined with Nebraska and 12 other states in a bipartisan Constitutional challenge to the recent health care act. Indiana, North Dakota, Mississippi, Nevada and Arizona have joined on to the suit, which was filed March 23 in federal court.

“Nebraskans, along with people across the nation, are deeply concerned by this legislation,” Bruning said. “In addition to the immense cost, the health care act tramples on our individual rights and freedoms.”

Under the new federal health care law, for the first time in the nation’s history, the federal government is attempting to force individual Americans to enter into contracts and purchase services from private companies – in this case, insurance companies – or face a penalty.

This lawsuit is challenging this so-called individual mandate requirement, explaining that such an imposition on the American people exceeds Congress’ authority and violates Americans’ constitutional rights. Additionally, the states are challenging provisions of the new law that will impose dramatic Medicaid spending increases on the states

In addition to Nebraska, the other states involved in the lawsuit are Texas, Florida, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Washington, Colorado, Michigan, Utah, Alabama, South Dakota and Idaho.

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